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## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ugo AMALDI et al.

Appl. No.: NEW NON-PROVISIONAL Group:

Filed: June 24, 2003 Examiner:

For: LINAC FOR ION BEAM ACCELERATION

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet attached hereto.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

8.(Amended) System of ion beam acceleration, characterised by the fact that it comprises, sequentially, an ion source (1), if necessary a pre-accelerator injector (2), if necessary a low